UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HARVEY J. KESNER,

Plaintiff,

20 Civ. 3454 (PAE)

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DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC. d/b/a BARRON'S, WILLIAM "BILL" ALPERT, and TERI BUHL,

Defendants.

<u>ORDER</u>

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER, District Judge:

On March 29, 2021, plaintiff filed a motion to dismiss the defendant's counterclaim under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Under Rule 15(a)(1)(B), a party has 21 days after the service of a motion under Rule 12(b) to amend the pleading once as a matter of course.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that defendant shall file any amended counterclaim by April 19, 2021. No further opportunities to amend will ordinarily be granted. If defendant does amend, by May 10, 2021, plaintiff shall: (1) file an answer; (2) file a new motion to dismiss; or (3) submit a letter to the Court, copying defendant, stating that they rely on the previously filed motion to dismiss.<sup>1</sup>

It is further ORDERED that if no amended counterclaim is filed, defendant shall serve any opposition to the motion to dismiss by April 19, 2021. Plaintiff's reply, if any, shall be served by May 3, 2021. At the time any reply is served, the moving party shall supply the Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If plaintiff files a new motion to dismiss or relies on its previous motion, defendant's opposition will be due 14 days thereafter, and plaintiff's reply, if any, will be due seven days after that.

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The Court will determine later, after receipt of defendant's anticipated brief opposing a motion to dismiss the current or amended counterclaim, whether to schedule oral argument.

SO ORDERED.

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
United States District Judge

Dated: March 31, 2021

New York, New York